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Clerk's Office,
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101 Executive Center Drive
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Re: Docket Number: 2013-275-WS

I am writing to express concern over a letter I received recently from Utilities, Inc., also known as Carolina Water Service Inc of SC. Upon speaking to a representative at Carolina Water Service Inc of SC I am told that our rate would increase from the flat rate of \$40.56 monthly to \$51.03 monthly. For some, a \$10.47 increase may seem insignificant, but for a family on a limited income it is frustrating and challenging. I can imagine that most homes/communities this would impact are on a fixed income.

I am not the type to voice concern over something of this nature. Honestly, I think to myself, someone else will disagree too and will do something to stop it, but I am tired of being locked into a specific company for our sewer service, and also to just sit back and take their seemingly incessant need for a rate increase. I understand there is need for improvements, etc and that such costs are passed to the consumer, but at \$10.47 a household?

Thank you for your time and attention to my concerns.

Sincerely,

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